



2016 Curly Flat Pinot Noir

Tasting Note

Bouquet: Dark fruits, roasted quinces and sweet cinnamon lead, alongside an edge of fresh tobacco leaves, forming a rich, fragrant and savoury nose.

Palate: A concentrated, energetic palate with cherries and plum characters front and centre. A long lingering finish, awash with soft, mouth coating tannins.

Cellaring: Approachable now but undoubtedly one for the cellar. An easy 10, if not 15 years lay ahead.

Season notes

Summer was consistently warm, but not hot, with only one day exceeding 40° at our vineyards. Most days were in the low 30s or less. The season started earlier and maintained an intensity throughout. The combination of our site and the 2016 season have combined to form powerful wines of concentration while maintaining the tension and length to age gracefully for many years to come.

Reviews

Glorious bouquet with a riot of spices, red fruits and forest notes; the palate has exceptional structure – the fruit/oak/tannin trilogy is perfect. **James Halliday**, Weekend Australian **96 points**

What a wine it is. A polished gem from top to toe, it flows seamlessly from the first whiff to a long lingering finish. Oozing class and charisma, fruit and oak are perfectly handled delivering a wine of opulence and respectability. **Steve Leszczinski**, Q Wine **95 points**

This '16 Curly Flat is a lovely, generous example of Macedon Pinot Noir... There's a real sense of fullness, the warm year filling out the palate. A bigger wine in context, but not to the point of excess. **Andrew Graham**, Australian Wine Review **94 points**

A pretty, complex pinot with sliced-strawberry and lemon-rind aromas and flavors. Hints of stone... Crisp and lovely wine. **James Suckling**, jamesuckling.com **94 points**

It's a dry, measured, slightly savoury version of Curly Flat Pinot Noir. There's volume and power to the mid palate but the characterisation is found more so in the wine's spicy, autumnal highlights – combined with trademark velvety texture. **Campbell Mattinson**, The Wine Front **93+ points**

Open and generous with incredible palate softness and fine-framing tannins. Good varietal definition and clarity. There's a mix of red and dark fruit with an appealing cherry stone thread. Well-handled oak. Complexity and length will develop with time in bottle. **Toni Paterson**, The Real Review **93 points**

This is a beautifully composed Pinot that captures the character of the Macedon Ranges with confidence and finesse. It's laced with layers of beetroot and tangy mulberries, framed in fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. **Tyson Stelzer**, Wine Business Monthly **92 points**

The perfume foresty and dark-cherry fragrant, with gamy, charcuterie touches. It's intense and fleshy on the palate, with lightness as well as depth, fruit sweetness and soft tannins. The texture is gentle, the length very good. **Huon Hooke**, The Real Review **92 points**

Unfurls in the glass to reveal an aroma of redcurrant, florals in general and roses in particular. The palate is terrifically balanced with long length and its viscosity balanced by fresh acidity. **Sean Mitchell**, Grape Observer

Alcohol: 13.7% - pH: 3.57 - TA: 6.7 g/L - Whole bunch; 17%

Oak: 20 months in French oak. 32% new, 68% older